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1. JCEWG SUB-GROUP, MENTIONED IN REF, MET DEC 9, 1974, TO CONSIDER DRAFT REPORT ON SUBJECT PREPARED BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF (VAN DER WILLIGEN). AT MEETING NICSMA REP (LEHARDY) OFFERED ALTERNATIVE DRAFT REPORT. FUNDAMENTALLY, BOTH DRAFTS WERE CONSISTENT WITH POSITION PROPOSED BY MISSION IN PARA 3 OF REF. US REP (GENTRY) PREVIOUSLY HAD DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL NICSMA (LTG KISSINGER) AND THEY ALSO REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT ALONG LINES OF PROPOSED US POSITION.

2. SUB-GROUP DREW UPON LANGUAGE OF BOTH DRAFTS AND ADDED SOME OF ITS OWN TO DEVELOP CONTENT OF ANOTHER DRAFT TO BE PREPARED BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF. SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSAL IN NEW DRAFT IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. NJCEC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NATO SATCOM POLICY AND, AS NICS POLICY COMMITTEE, FOR SATCOM ASPECTS OF NICS. TO FULFILL
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THIS RESPONSIBILITY, THE NJCEC REQUIRES SPECIALIZED ADVICE.

B. TO OBTAIN SPECIALIZED ADVICE, THE NJCEC SHOULD ESTABLISH A STACOM GROUP WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NICSMA, THE MNCS, AND NATO NATIONS HAVING DEFENSE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS RE-

SOURCES WHICH THEY ARE WILLING TO SHARE WITH NATO. ITS FUNCTIONS, GENERALLY STATED, WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) DEVELOP BROAD POLICY AFFECTING USER AND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS AND GOVERNING THE DESIGN AND CAPABILITY OF A FUTURE NATO SATCOM SYSTEM.

(2) ESTABLISH THE DEGREE OF INTEROPERABILITY REQUIRED BETWEEN NATO AND NATIONAL SATCOM SYSTEMS AND DEFINE THE GENERAL TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL PARAMETERS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THIS REQUIREMENT.

(3) COORDINATE THE NUMBER OF NEW SATELLITES TO BE PROCURED AND THEIR LAUNCH SCHEDULES IN ORDER THAT NATO AND NATIONAL SATELLITE SYSTEMS CAN BE MORE COST-EFFECTIVELY SUED.

C. NICSMA WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING SYSTEM DESIGN FOR FUTURE NATO SATELLITES TO MEET OVERALL REQUIREMENTS POSTULATED BY NJCEC. IT WOULD SPECIFY, PROCURE, AND INSTALL NATO SATCOM FACILITIES.

D. JCEWG WOULD REVIEW AND COMMENT ON RECOMMENDATIONS AND POSITIONS DEVELOPED BY SATCOM POLICY GROUP. PURPOSE OF THIS REVIEW IS TO AFFORD NATO NATIONS NOT MEMBERS OF SATCOM GROUP AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER MATTERS AFFECTING THEM PRIOR TO NJCEC ADDRESSAL. JCEWG WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE VETO POWER.

3. NICSMA REP (LEHARDY) HAS DISCUSSED RESULTS OF DEC 9 MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL AND EPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL. HE REPORTED THAT BOTH WILL ACCEPT THE GENERAL APPROACH DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALTHOUGH THEY EXPECT TO REVIEW THE NEW DRAFT REPORT THOROUGHLY.

4. SATCOM SUB-GROUP MEETS AGAIN ON TUESDAY, DEC 17, TO REVIEW NEW DRAFT REPORT. UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE PRIOR TO THEN, US REP WILL SUPPORT THE APPROACH OUTLINED ABOVE. INASMUCH AS ALL PARTIES ARE IN BASIC AGREEMENT, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON CONCUR. BRUCE

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